



# Montgomery County Council

*From the Office of Councilmember Nancy Dacek*

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**COUNCILMEMBER DACEK INAUGURATES NEW WATER  
TANKER FOR UPCOUNTY TO STRENGTHEN FIRE  
PROTECTION EFFORTS**

Councilmember Nancy Dacek today joined community members in christening a new 3,500-gallon elliptical water tanker for the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, which will be assigned to the Rockville-Darnestown Station 31 in North Potomac.

"We desperately need more fire protection in the Upcounty, where water supplies are often quite limited and there are no fire hydrants," said Councilmember Dacek, lead Councilmember for Fire & Rescue. "I am happy to have worked with the Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, the County Department of Fire & Rescue Services, and communities in Darnestown and vicinity to buy this new tanker."

"This all happened because Nancy Dacek sat us and County Fire & Rescue down and said 'make this work'," said Eric Bernard, president of the Rockville Volunteer Fire Corporation, which contributed \$50,000 toward the purchase of the \$250,000 tanker. The greater Darnestown community has also made a major contribution.

"This is only the beginning of efforts to protect lives and property in the Upcounty from the scourge of fire," said Councilmember Dacek. "Volunteer Fire Departments in Sandy Spring and Hyattstown are purchasing tankers with their own funds and Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department has received a federal grant of almost \$200,000 for a new tanker."###